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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please replace the paragraph on page 101, line 28 through page 102, line 2, with the following paragraph.

Thermal cycling was performed in 0.2 mL tubes or 96 well plate using an MJ Research Thermal Cycler (Waltham, MA) (calculated temperature) with the following cycling parameters: 94°C for 5 min; 45 cycles: 94°C for 20 sec, 56°C for 30 sec; 72°C for 60 sec; 72°C 3 min.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 with amended claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, comprising the sequence of nucleotides set forth as position 138 to position 2126 of SEQ ID NO: 1, except that the nucleotide at position 2073 of SEQ ID NO: 1 is replaced with a nucleotide selected from the group consisting of G, T and C.